Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Duane Reiners and Verna Tulowetzke exchanged their wedding vows on April 11, 1959, at the St. Lawrence Church in Milbank, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, The newlywed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Duane and Verna have shared their love with their five children, Gina, Linda, Teresa, Brenda, and Rich, who further blessed their lives with 15 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild; and,

Whereas, Duane partnered in the ownership and operation of Mill Amusement, Inc., until the sale of that business after which he went to work for John Morrell until retirement in 2004, and Verna was employed by the Watertown school system until their move to Sioux Falls where she was employed by First Premier Bank until she retired in 2006; and,

Whereas, Duane and Verna are very involved with their family and grandchildren, as well as their church, and they both enjoy walking, reading, and gardening; and,

Whereas, Duane and Verna will celebrate their 50th Anniversary with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as friends and family gather on April 11, 2009, and it is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognize and commemorate the memorable occasions in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 11, 2009, as

DUANE AND VERNA REINERS DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State